A True and Particular Account, of the Trial,

and Execution of Captain Donnellan,

Who was Executed,

At Warwick, on Monday laſt, the 2d of April, for Poiſoning his Brother in Law, Sir Theodoſius Boughton, Bart. and alſo the Solem manne he declared his Innocence, at the place of Execution.

SIR THEODOSIUS being ſlightly indipoſed, was adviſed by the Captain to take ſome Phyſeick, accordingly, a Draught being ſent for, the Captain found means (as is ſuppoſed) to ſubſtitute a Vial, contaening a ſtrong water Diſtill'd from Lawrel(which is the ſtrongeſt of all Poiſons) in its ſtead, and which the Mother of the Deceaſed, innocently giving to her Son, he expierd in ſtrong Convations in half an hour after, the Baptain being apprehended, and Tried for the above Crime and was canvicted on the ſtrongeſt circumſtantial evedence, and was order'd to be Executed and Anaſomited. What induced the Captain to commit this Horrid Crime is ſuppoſed to be his being Profeſed of a lare Eſtate which would have come to his Wife and Frmily after his Brother in Law's Death,

The Behaviour and Execution of Captain Donnellan.

IMMEDIATELY after the Conviction of Cap. Donnellan, a Divine, acoompanied by a particular friend of the Priſoner,s, went to ſee Him, and to all appearance he was perfectly reſigned to his unhappy Fate. It was urged to Him, that as the evidence had been clear, a denial of the fact would be looked upon by the World as a mean Prevarication, and would induce people to throw an additional inſult upon his Memory. To this obſervation, he anſwered, he could not help any man's concluſions; he knew his own Heart, and would with with his laſt breath, aſſert his Innocence. Some few unguarded and unpremeditated expreſſions, aggravated by falſehood of the flagrant kind, which was ſworn at his Trial, had induced a jury to take his Life; but time would do him juſtice, and prove him an in-Man, ruined by thoſe who ought to heve been his friends.—Preceiving the Gentlemen in aſtoniſhment at this converſation, he added, that he ſhould dedicate to Morrow (Sunday) to the purpoſe of drawing up an anſwer to, and refutation of the evidence, and ſhould leave it with a Friend, that he hap no doobt wonld comply with the laſt Requeſt he ſhould make, that of ſeeing it correctly publiſhed. He aſked whether he had not a deſire to ſee his Wife, and take a laſt farewell. To this he haſtily replied, I do beſeech you let me not hear again of this: if ſhe do not come, I ſhall die compoſed. On Sunday Evening he depoſited his caſe with a Gentleman of Coventry, who aſſiſted him in his Trial, with an earneſt requeſt that he would Print and Publiſh it. He then gave ſome directions relative to the adjuſtment of the ſad operation which was to take place in the Morning, and appeared remarkably chearful and compoſed.—At ſeven o'clock next day he was carried to the place of Execution in a mourning Coach, followed by a Hearſe, and the Sheriff 's Officers in deep Mourning; as he went on, he frequently put his head out of the Coach, and earneſtly deſired the paryers of the People arround him.—On his arrival at the place of Execution, he alighted from the Coach, and aſcending in a few ſteps of the Ladder, prayed for a conſiderable time, and then joined in the uſual ſervice with the greateſt appearance of devotion; he then in a audiblo tone of voice, addreſſed the ſpectators in the following terms: That as he was then going to appear before God, to whom all deceit was known, he ſolemnly declared that he was innocent of the crime for which he was to ſuffer! that he had drawn up a vindication of himſelf, which he hoped the World would believe, for it was of more conſequence to him to ſpeak truth than falſehood, and had no doubt but that time would reveal the many myſteries that had ariſed in his Trial, and prove that he fell a ſacrifice to the malice and black deſigns of his——. After pryaing frovently ſome time, he let his Handkerchief fall, a ſignal agreed on betweeu him and the Executioner, and was launced into Eternity.—After hanging the uſual time, the body cut dowo, and put into a black Coffin, and conveyec to to the Town Hall to be diſſected.